श्री भजन लाल : महोदय, यह सवाल ओं के चारे के बारे में है। इसमें दूसरा सवाल नहीं आता है। लेकिन यह ठीक बात है कि इन्होंने जो कहा कि पशुओं के चारे में प्रोटीन होना चाहिए चिकनाई होनी चाहिए जिससे कि अच्छा दूध और अच्छा मक्खन दूध में से निकल सके। इसी बात को लेकर के अच्छी किस्म का घास पैदा किया जाता है और अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपसे अर्ज करना चाहता हूं ....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*84. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a plan for modernisation/expansion of the Salem Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Government have sanctioned installation of Second Sendzimir Mill at Salem Steel Plant on 2nd March, 1988 at an estimated cost of about Rs. 70 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed in 42 months. After completion of the project, capacity of Salem Steel Plant for production of Stainless Steel would increase to 70,000 tonnes per annum.

Performance of NDDB's Vegetable Oil Project

*85. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB's vegetable oil project financed by CLUSA-CIDA has more than three lakh farmers who have joined in 2500 cooperatives in seven States and increased oilseeds production considerably and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the per hectare production of oilseeds in the above States before and after the advent of NDDB-CLUSA-CIDA project; and

(c) whether it has not been possible to grow additional 2-3 quintals/ha. of oilseeds in order to stop all imports of vegetable oils as has been achieved in the case of milk by NDDB with EEC-World Bank CLUSA and CIDA support?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) The Project "Restructuring Edible Oil and Oilseeds Production and Marketing" under NDDB has covered about 4 lakh farmers under 3100 cooperative societies in seven States, i.e., Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat; Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

Despite unfavourable weather conditions, the yield of groundnut crop in the Project districts in the States of Orissa and Karnataka and of rapeseed mustard in Gujarat showed improvement. The yield per hectare of soyabean in Madhya Pradesh also increased. However, the yield per hectare of groundnut in the Project districts of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu was affected due to drought conditions.

(c) With a view to achieving self-reliance in oilseeds and vegetable oils, Government is making every effort to increase the production of oilseeds in the country, through national programmes, like the National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project. A Technology Mission on Oilseeds has also been set up to coordinate the various activities relating to production and processing of oilseeds. As a result of these efforts, there has been increase in the production and yield per hectare of oilseeds.